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## Remembrance

On Tuesday we took part in a reflections to remember those who have served for us. Classes individually discussed the meaning of the day and the respect we show to mark those who fought for us on this important day.



## Forest School

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Sycamore Class (Year 5 – Mrs Chater) will be taking part in Forest School.



## A message from Miss Harris

It's been another busy week in school – we have welcomed a number of new children to our school this week which has been lovely. Lots of exciting learning activities have been happening too – below are just a few of them.



Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful time at the Trinity Theatre this week. They saw The Elmer Adventure which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to take the children out of school – and they behaved very well.

Next week, both reception and the Year 3 and 4 classes will be going out – these experiences really enrich children's learning.

It was good to welcome Mr Wilson, Headteacher from St Gregory's Catholic Secondary School, into school this week. He was interested to learn more about St Matt's and then led a worship for our Year 3/4/5/6 pupils about aspirations and aiming high in line with our school values. Such a interesting worship for our pupils.

## Sporting Events

We have engaged with lots of sports again this week – you may have seen on Dojo that Mrs Hookway took a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils to the Road to Wembley football tournament and two teams of Year 5 and 6 to a basketball tournament. All teams represented our school amazingly well – well done to you all!



## Children's Handwriting

We have been working to develop our approach to handwriting. If you would like to take a look at our progression, please take a look at the policy on our website – the link can be found [here](#).

## Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing their own clothes and donated to Children in Need. As a school we raised over £280 today! A fabulous amount – thank you to all for your contributions.

## Attendance Ted

Here's this week's attendance data.  
The aim is for each class to achieve 96%+.

<b>Year R</b> Willow 97%		
<b>Year 1/2</b> Ash 93%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Birch 94%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Elm 96%
<b>Year 3/4</b> Chestnut 95%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Hazel 98%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Pine 97%
<b>Year 5</b> Maple 94%	<b>Year 5</b> Sycamore 88%	
<b>Year 6</b> Oak 94%	<b>Year 6</b> Yew 94%	



## PTA Chocolate Challenge – Next Week!

**CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE**

Join the fun as classes compete for the sweetest victory this week!

Bring in your chocolate!

THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST CHOCOLATE WILL RECEIVE A TREAT

COMPETITION RUNS MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER UNTIL WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

WINNING CLASS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

## Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

### Term 2:

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Chocolate Challenge
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Willow Class height and weight checks (am)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Willow Class trip to Amelia Centre (from late morning)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3/4 to Trinity Theatre
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – PTA Christmas Market
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 8.45am – Parent Prayer Meeting with Mrs Brierley
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Discos
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Jumper day (for donations for the wrapping event)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December am – Nativity performance for parents (Reception and Years 1/2)
- Monday 15 December pm and evening – Carol Service in Church (Years 3/4/5/6)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December pm – Nativity performance for parents (Reception and Years 1/2)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas wrapping and Father Christmas
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2 for children
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day – School closed for children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Christmas Break – School closed for children